

FEBRUARY/MARCH/APRIL 2004 NEWSLETTER

START YOUR YEAR WITH A VISIT TO THE ARBORETUM



*Jr. Volunteers lend
a helping hand at
Baldwin Bonanza.*



Lili Singer



*Lisa Beach, Education Specialist, shows how
to make natural paper for Family Adventures.
Program details on page 5.*

THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF REASONS TO VISIT The Arboretum during the next few months. Classes, workshops, seminars, lectures, garden field trips, talks, special events, fairs, special sales, the list goes on. Look inside to find details. Then come see us soon. Happy New Year!

BALDWIN BONANZA 2004

Baldwin Bonanza Plant Sale: May 1 & 2.
Preview Party Fundraiser: Friday, April 30.
See the back cover for details.

THURSDAY MORNING SEMINARS are exciting and informative gatherings for the avid gardener and landscape professional. Author, publisher and passionate gardener, Lili Singer, leads this series with weekly programs from the best of horticulture specialists. *Winter and Spring series details are on Page 5.*

SHARE THE BEST OF THE ARBORETUM with family and friends. Educational Gift Certificates are available and make great gifts for any occasion. Choose from hundreds of children's and adult classes, workshops and seminars. Many programs are included in this newsletter. Visit www.arboretum.org for more information and listings or call 626-821-4623.

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ARBORETUM NEWS

It brings me great joy to welcome you into the New Year. While we have much to look forward to in 2004, it's appropriate to recap some 2003 Arboretum highlights:

- We received another Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust grant to purchase an embossing machine to computerize our accession labels/plant I.D. tag production. It produces a week's worth of manually generated labels in a few hours!

- Our Library and Plant Information Services responded to 6000+ plant-related inquiries; our website had 360,000 visits.

- Garden staff reclaimed several areas, including the Magnolia and Palm & Bamboo collection and the courtyard area below the Peacock Café.

- We added 227 new herbaceous shrubs and trees, The Arboretum's first Organic Kitchen Garden was installed, and the native stand of Engelmann Oaks received new additions of oak seedlings.

- Our "Smart Gardening" practices included the collection of over 4000 cubic yards of recycled green waste that was returned to the gardens as semi-composted mulch and a 70 % reduction (in weight) of the herbicide Round-Up over last year through the use of mulch.

The above accomplishments are just a fraction of what we accomplished in 2003. It is our plan that 2004 will prove to be even more productive.

For 2004, there are several Arboretum events, some traditional, some new, that deserve a brief mention:

- The Arboretum will co-host a **Chinese Family Music/Cultural Festival** on April 10 with Eastern Television (ETTV) featuring cultural displays, food from China, and a concert by a popular Chinese folk artist.

- May brings our annual **Baldwin Bonanza Plant Sale** on **May 1 & 2**, the **International Epiphyllum Society's** annual show on **May 14 & 15** and week-long

Epiphyllum Exhibition in the Tropical Display Houses, and the **Korean Garden Festival** on **May 23**, co-hosted by The Arboretum and the Korean Garden Society. Visitors will experience traditional Korean cuisine, gardens and family music. The festival will promote and finance the future development of a Korean Garden.

- The California Philharmonic's **Festival on the Green** will return this summer with six concerts. For more information, visit www.calphil.org

- **Arboretum membership** can now be obtained and renewed on our website at www.arboretum.org.

We plan to develop new collections through collaboration.

- The Los Angeles International Fern Society will design and install a fern display at The Arboretum's entrance.

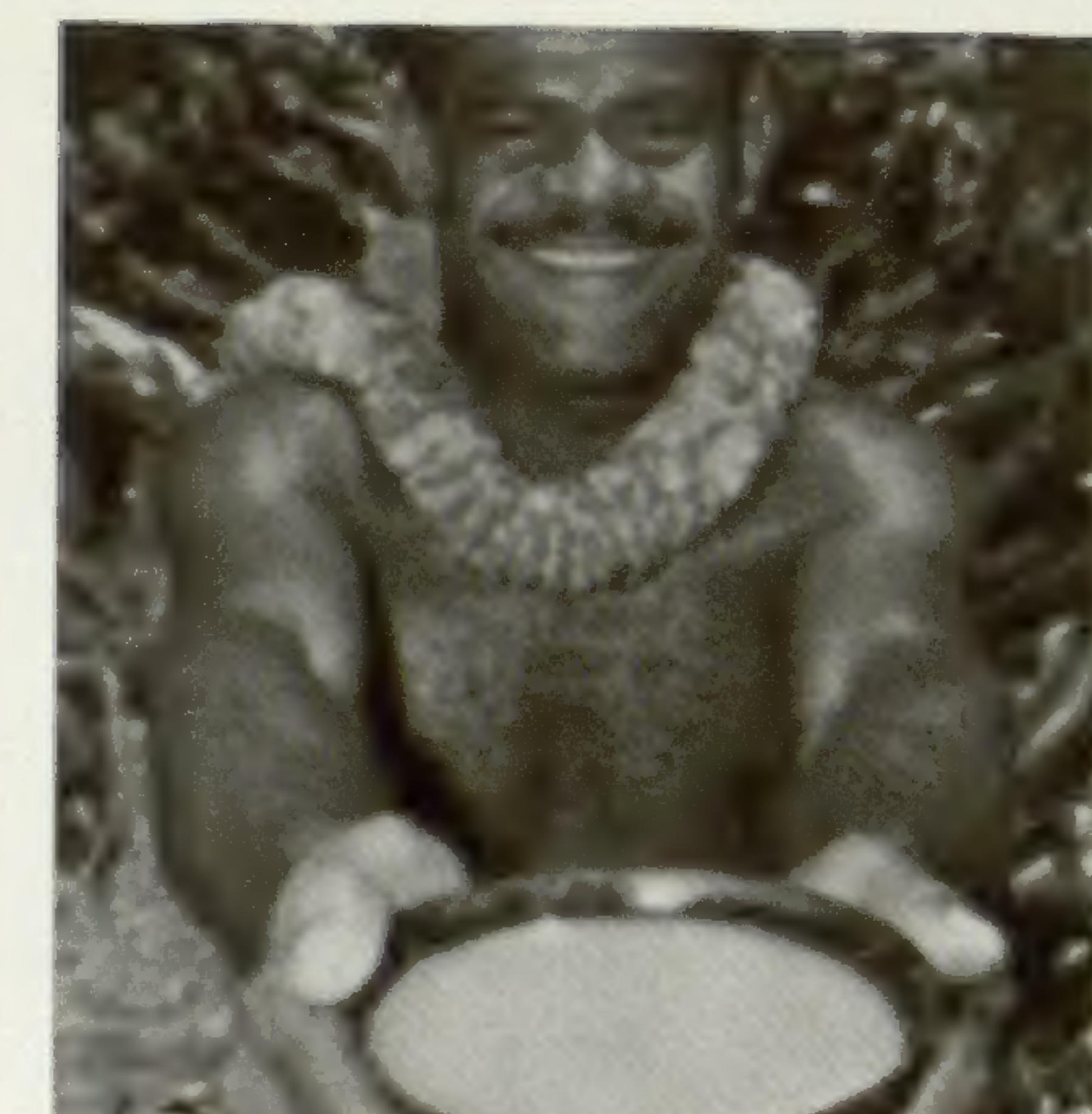
- Working with American Bamboo Society experts, we will become one of a few facilities permitted to bring bamboo into the U.S.

- The California Rare Fruit Growers will assist The Arboretum in planning, designing and installing a Fruit Tree Garden.

In closing, although we face financial hurdles this coming year, we can continue to improve the overall health and prosperity of The Arboretum through active dedication, a positive outlook and public support. Our goals of education, conservation, and research are at the core of what we do and who we are. We have been a community resource and a botanical oasis for fifty plus years. With your support we will ensure The Arboretum will continue to serve the community for many years to come.

Have you been to The Arboretum lately? If not, please visit often during 2004!

*Timothy Phillips,
Superintendent
and Interim CEO*



HAVA KAVA

It starts in late afternoon. Someone in the field announces, "It's kava time." Everyone stops working, and all head back to the village. They carry a load of thick roots—massive, old, potent, freshly dug. Their precious cargo must be cleaned, then crushed and mashed for hours to release the kavalactones that give kava its unique properties. Finally, after dark, all smile, enthusiastically chant the kava blessing "bula, bula, bula venaca" and pass the bowl of milky liquid in a half coconut shell. Life is good.

Botanically, kava (awa in Hawaiian) is *Piper methysticum*, a member of the true pepper family (Piperaceae) and a relative of the black pepper (*P. nigrum*). There are hundreds of cultivated varieties (cultivars) primarily selected for their psychoactive effects. Kava has been found effective in clinical studies to reduce anxiety and stress, and serves as a mild pain-reducing principle. It aids in relaxation and overcoming insomnia.

At The Arboretum, we are growing kava from Hawaii and hope to display them in the Tropical Greenhouse.

Learn more about kava on Wednesday, March 24 at 7:30 pm in Ayres Hall, from Professor Mark Merlin, an expert on kava, from the University of Hawaii. Tickets are \$10.00 for members; \$12.00 non-members; \$8.00 students with ID.

Contributed by Dr. James Bauml, Senior Botanist

HORTICULTURAL LECTURE

A TALK WITH RODGER ELLIOT – AUSTRALIA'S TOP NATIVE PLANTSMAN

(Co-sponsored by Pacific Horticulture Magazine)

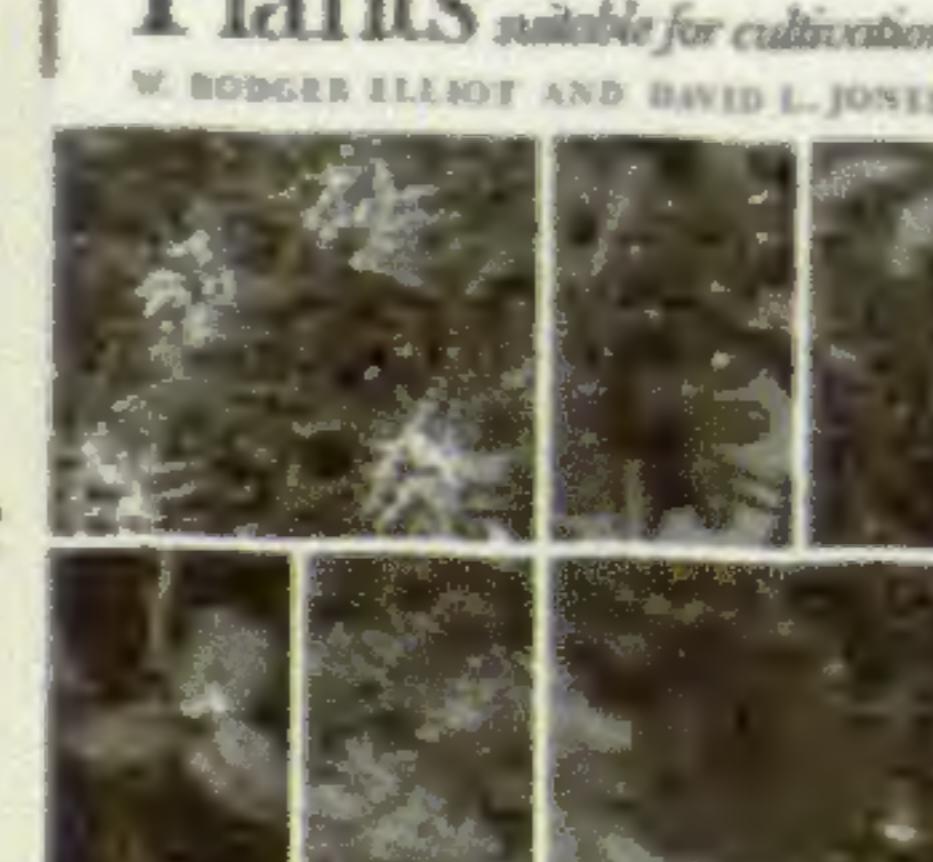
"Australian Plants for Mediterranean Climate Gardens"

Wednesday, April 7

7:30 pm / Ayres Hall

Cost: \$10 members and Pacific Horticulture Magazine subscribers/\$12 non-members/\$8 students with identification

Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants suitable for cultivation



One of Australia's foremost horticulturists and author of numerous books including the 8 volume *Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants Suitable for Cultivation*, Mr. Elliot has been responsible for the introduction of countless outstanding Australian plants to the world of horticulture. In his lecture, Mr. Elliot will present the horticultural wonders from "down under," to inspire California gardeners to incorporate more Australian Mediterranean-climate treasures in their gardens.

A MESSAGE FROM: TIM GALLAGHER AND GEORGE BRUMDER, Co-CHAIRS, CEO SEARCH COMMITTEE

Our search for a CEO progresses. The Search Committee—comprised of representatives from the County and several foundation trustees (including Los Vols President Barbara Telford and a new trustee who was a member of the Advisory Council when we formed the committee), and assisted by a very able County human resources staff—has a good-sized and growing pool of promising applicants from across the country.

The initial preliminary (and perhaps only) qualifying interviews are being scheduled for February. Candidates with the highest scores from that process will then be introduced to the Search Committee and others, including Arboretum staff.

The Arboretum's CEO position will be a terrific opportunity for the right individual. We've told candidates that Southern California is a remarkably talented, rich and diverse community—and that The Arboretum, with its marvelous climate, its wonderful plant collections, its location at the foot of the San Gabriel Mountains, its outstanding staff and volunteers and its other outstanding assets, has almost unlimited potential.

We've also mentioned that with the help of Nancy Goslee Power & Associates we're developing our Conceptual Long Range Plan—a plan that will take the wonderful Arboretum and make it even better. A plan will help to increase the number of visitors and attract funding, not only to address existing needs, but also to enrich

our collections and gardens, enhance our historic section, and expand our important educational and research activities—in short, a plan that will help The Arboretum become one of the world's truly great botanic gardens.

And, we've emphasized that we're looking for a leader—someone who can run an effective organization, work with our many stakeholders and, at the same time, be a strong spokesperson for The Arboretum, reaching out to the community to build partnerships and collaborations and attract wide community participation and support that we'll need to reach our full potential.

We'll keep you posted, of course. Meanwhile, if you have any question, comments or suggestions please don't hesitate to let us know.

*Tim Gallagher, Director
LA County Parks and
Recreation and*

*George Brumder, President,
Los Angeles Arboretum
Foundation Board of Trustees*



"THE SUN DID NOT SHINE. IT WAS TOO WET TO PLAY. SO WE SAT IN THE HOUSE. ALL THAT COLD, COLD, WET DAY."

DR. SEUSS

This winter, don't sit in the house on a cold or wet day. Come visit the Tropical Greenhouse. I call it the "most magical place" at The Arboretum because of the many visitor comments I've heard over the years...

One day a woman in a wheelchair was spending a long time looking at the plants. I asked if she was enjoying herself. She didn't respond, but gestured to the woman she was with, who asked her my question in her native language and then said to me with a smile, "The reason she's spending so much time here is because she thinks she's in heaven. It's so beautiful."

I believe the greenhouse's heaven like quality should be attributed to the unique and

exquisite beauty of the orchids. The Arboretum's five orchid greenhouses and seran house supply the Tropical Greenhouse with year round color. With the Orchid collection comprising 45% of The Arboretum's plant genera, there's always something to see.

The *Paphiopedilum*, or lady slipper orchids, are in their prime during the winter months. Their name comes from the Greek Paphos, an island in the Aegean with a temple to the love goddess Aphrodite and pedilon, Greek for slipper. They are unique! One visitor came back several times specifically to see them. She said, "If there were such a thing as a garden fairy, it would sleep in the pouch of this orchid because it is a perfect fit. I keep thinking that if I stay and look closely, one will appear."

And finally, one parting visitor's comment, "All of the flowers are so beautiful, it's too bad they aren't real." From the moth pollinated *Angraecum* to the intoxicatingly fragrant *Zygotepetalum*, I assure you they are all real! Come explore the Tropical Greenhouse and the orchid collection. There's no telling what you may see: an angel, a garden fairy or maybe even a cat in a hat. It's all up to your imagination.

*Contributed by Julie Norman,
Senior Arboretum Gardener,
Orchids*

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HORTICULTURE & GARDENING

COMPULSIVE GARDENERS

Winter: 8 Fridays, Jan. 9 - Feb. 27

Spring: 8 Fridays, Mar. 26 - May 14

9:30 - Noon / Lecture Hall A

\$40 members / \$48 non-members

Visit arboretum.org for specific program information.

MUSHROOM IDENTIFICATION & FIELD TRIP

Saturday, February 7 & Saturday, February 14 - Field Trip

10 am - Noon / Lecture Hall A

Dr. Jerry Turney, Plant Pathologist, Instructor

\$20 members / \$25 non-members

Learn basic identification characteristics for mushrooms and other fleshy fungi. Discover which are safe to eat and which ones to avoid. Includes mushroom identification at The Arboretum and fungi collecting field trip.

ORCHID CARE

Monday, February 9

10:00am - Noon / Lecture Hall A

Marc Hall, Instructor

\$18 members / \$22 non-members

Learn to care for cymbidiums, dendrobium, phalaenopsis and other subtropical varieties. Light, temperature, water, humidity, fertilizer, potting/repotting and sources will be discussed.

GARDENING 101 - A WEEKEND SERIES

Winter: 1/18, 2/15, 3/21

Spring: 4/18, 5/16, 6/27 (instead of 6/20, Father's Day)

2:00 - 4 pm / Lecture Hall A

Scott Daigne & Catherine Downs, Landscape Designers, Instructors

\$45 members / \$52 non-members/series

\$18 members / \$20 non-members/individual class

For all levels of gardeners...brush up on the basics of good gardening. Learn how to prepare your garden for the coming season. From pruning to bulbs to design to great new plants, a wealth of hands-on experience and knowledge come your way in this class.

THE SPIRIT AND ESSENCE OF HERBS

7 Sundays—February 29 - April 18

1:30 - 3:30 pm / Lecture Hall B

Greg & Gail Smith, Instructors

Series: \$130 members / \$140 non-members

Individual class: \$20 members / \$25 non-members

This series combines academic herbal studies and hands on herbal projects. The Smiths grow herbs for the fresh market, have created numerous herbal gift products, and currently own an organic herb nursery.

February 29: Introduction to Herbs: Learn basic herbal medicine and how herbs heal. Includes an herbal plant walk.

March 7: Elevate Your Senses
Learn basic Aromatherapy and make essential oils and hydrosols.

March 14: TeaTime: Make medicinal and herbal beverages by creating infusions and decoctions.

March 21: The Home Medicine Chest: Learn to make and use salves, ointments and tinctures.

March 28: Connecting with the Plant Spirit: Explore ways of healing through the spirit of plants.

April 4: Making Gifts with Herbs: Make your own herbal products and gifts from the garden.

April 18: Cooking with Herbs: Create culinary delights from fresh and dried herbs.

KITCHEN GARDENS

Monday, March 1

10 am - Noon / Lecture Hall A

Marc Hall, Instructor

\$18 members / \$22 non-members

Find out how to grow fresh herbs and veggies in small spaces. Methods to maximize the yield of seasonal edibles, in-ground and container type gardens, companion plantings, and harvesting techniques are discussed. Hands-on demonstration planting using spring & summer plants.

SUB-TROPICAL PLANTS FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GARDENS

Wednesday, March 10

9:30 am - Noon / Lecture Hall B

Barbara Koenig, landscape designer, & Julie Norman, curator of The Arboretum orchid collection, Instructors

\$18 members / \$22 non-members

Learn practical information on a broad variety of subtropical plants, including heliconias, ornamental gingers, cannas, bromeliads, orchids, ferns, begonias, palms, bamboo and more. Includes a slide presentation, walking tour of subtropical plantings areas, and demonstrations of plant divisions—and a plant raffle!

HOME GARDEN DESIGN

4 Wednesdays, March 17, 24, 31, April 7

7 - 9 pm / Lecture Hall B

Linda Pomerance & Kathleen Slater, Landscape Designers, Instructors

\$60 members / \$72 non-members

Develop your own personal style of Garden Design with the help of these landscape designers. Emphasis on the softscape. Learn to analyze the elements of design, the best plants for southern California gardens and where to place them.

IRRIGATION DESIGN FOR YOUR GARDEN

Saturday, March 27

9:00 am - Noon / Lecture Hall A

Dr. Jerry Turney, Instructor

\$18 members / \$22 non-members

Learn the basics of irrigation design—sprinkler head layout, correct pipe sizes for maximum water flow rates, how to select valves, the difference between water pressure and water flow rates and common repairs for older systems.

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3rd ANNUAL GREAT HEIRLOOM TOMATO SALE AND TALK!

Wednesday, March 31

10:00 am / Lecture Hall A & Gift Shop Patio

Steve Goto, owner of Goto Nurseries, Instructor

Free to members and non-members with Arboretum admission

Back by popular demand! The top 25 Tomato Picks for 2004 are highlighted. Learn how to plant and harvest the best tomatoes for our area. Then—the GREAT TOMATO SALE where you can purchase your favorite varieties.

A TRIP TO THE MONTECITO SHOWCASE HOUSE AND A VISIT TO SEASIDE GARDENS IN CARPINTERIA

Wednesday, March 3

8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Led by Linda Pomerance

\$85 members / \$95 non-members (includes bus transportation, admission, box lunch at the Showcase House)

In the morning, tour the ultimate vacation home with a 360 degree view of the mountains and ocean. Built by Traditional Home Magazine, the home is in the Mission Revival Style with Arts and Crafts influence. Katie O'Reilly designed the hardscape and plantings. Except for a rose garden, the plants are native and blend with the oak woodlands of the adjacent Cima del Mundo Conservancy.

In the afternoon, visit Robert Abe's nursery, Seaside Gardens, a one-of-a-kind retail nursery with 10 display gardens set against the backdrop of the magnificent San Rafael Mountains. All gardens have different geographic themes including Mediterranean, South African, Australian, and California native plants, each designed by a different landscape designer. You will also have the opportunity to purchase plants.

THURSDAY MORNING SEMINAR SERIES

THURSDAY MORNING SEMINARS WITH LILI SINGER

9:45am – Noon / Lecture Hall A
8 Seminar Series: \$120;
4 seminars: \$90; \$35 per seminar
Space is limited. Reservations are recommended.

Welcome Lili Singer (former publisher and editor of *The Southern California Gardener* and *The Gardener's Companion*) as coordinator and leader of these exciting and informative gatherings with horticultural specialists - for passionate gardeners and landscape professionals. Lecture starts at 9:45 am; 10:45 am break; 11:00 to noon, group discussion.

REMAINING WINTER SEMINARS:

February 5: Marc Hall – "Buried Treasures: Spring and Summer Bulbs" Marc will demonstrate a dazzling and varied array of colorful spring- and summer-flowering bulbs with tips on growing them in containers or in the ground.

February 12: Bob Denman – "Tools, A Love Story" An affectionate look at a wide range of garden tools, from basic to out of the ordinary. Bob will explain how to select the best tools for both the job and your body, and how to use them properly.

February 19: Lili Singer – "Fruiting Plants for Mild-Winter Climates" Taste familiar and uncommon fruit, all suitable for backyard orchards in mild-winter Southern California. Learn how to grow these and other fruiting trees and vines.

February 26: Renee Shepherd – "Starting Seeds Successfully & What's New" A hands-on lesson in seed starting, plus a look at new edibles and flowers to grow from seed.

SPRING SEMINAR SERIES:

March 25: Chris & Trish Meyer - "Wildscaping" Using California natives and other drought-tolerant plants, the Meyers share experiences in designing a low-maintenance naturalistic garden that is attractive to birds, butterflies and humans alike.

April 1: Steve Gerischer – "Form, Foliage & Texture" Learn to create dramatic yet harmonious landscapes, with and without flowers. Unusual plant selections and various garden styles will be featured, along with sources.

April 8: Nellie Neal – "Divide and Multiply: The Essentials of Vegetative Propagation" Make new plants from divisions, cuttings and layering. This hands-on session includes indoor and outdoor techniques.

April 15: Field Trip to Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont Experience one of our finest botanic gardens at the peak of spring! Bart O'Brien,

Director of Horticulture, will serve as guide through the collections of colorful California native wildflowers, bulbs, shrubs and trees in full bloom. Meet there at 9:30 am, and bring a sack lunch.

April 22: Melinda Taylor - "On Gardens" An overview of flower-filled, culinary and ornamental landscapes created by the speaker and other talented garden designers—featuring an inspiring array of styles and plant materials.

April 29: Pat Hammer – "Shape It! The Wonderful World of Topiary" Learn the ins and outs of topiary, a fun art form of creativity and whimsy, with a variety of plants and materials.

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May 6: Lili Singer – "Sherlock in the Shrubbery" A problem-solving workshop covering pest management and new pests. Bring a hand lens or magnifying glass and samples from your own garden for examination by the group.

May 13: Julie Norman – "Tropical Fever: Spectacular Plants in The Arboretum Greenhouses" A walking tour of the Tropical and Orchid greenhouses, followed by a classroom discussion and hand-outs on growing orchids and other fragrant and colorful exotics.

KIDS & FAMILIES

FAMILY ADVENTURES

First Saturday of the month at 2:00 pm

Meet under the BIG Oak Tree in front of Ayres Hall

Lisa Beach, Education Specialist
\$15 per family for members; \$20 per family for non-members

Pre-registration only! Cancelled in the event of rain.

A great afternoon nature adventure and exploration for the entire family, each program includes a variety of activities—a short story or talk, a walk to a special Arboretum area and a take-home nature craft activity.

Feb. 7: Homemade Paper Valentines! Create Natural Paper Valentines out of our homemade paper and pressed flowers from the garden!

March 6: Pot-a-Plant!

Learn how to properly plant a container garden! Make your very own family dish garden.

APRIL 3: BIRD HIKE EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

Search for feathered friends, learn about the birds that live at The Arboretum and make a naturally dyed egg craft!

GARDEN SPROUTS

First Saturday of each month from 9:00—11:00 am

2nd Quarter: Jan. 3, Feb. 7, Mar. 6

3rd Quarter: April 3, May 1, June 5

Roots and Shoots Garden at The Arboretum's Old Ranch Rd. Entrance (off Colorado Blvd.)

**Gardening Club Leader:
Lisa Beach, Education Specialist**

**Fee: Members - \$25/quarter, or
\$10/Saturday**

**Non-Members - \$30/quarter, or
\$12/Saturday**

**Parents - This is a "drop off" program for kids ages 5-8.
Pre-registration only!**

Garden Sprouts Saturday Kids' Gardening Club, is underway for 2004. Kids plant and tend their very own garden, play nature games, and learn garden crafts!



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FAIR

Saturday, March 13

9:00am to 4:30 pm.

Learn about the environment and natural resources. An informative and entertaining day with imaginative hands-on exhibits, displays, demonstrations, nature games and activities to teach the importance of conservation and ecology. Free with admission to The Arboretum.

ART IN THE GARDEN

IKEBANA

**8 Fridays: Jan. 16 – March 5
March 26 – May 21
9:30 – 11:30 am / Lecture Hall B
Reiko Kawamura, Instructor
\$65 members / \$80 non-members
\$24 materials fee payable to the instructor**

Learn Japanese cultural traditions while practicing the techniques of Moribana, Heika and landscape arrangements. Individual instruction given. Bring a 10" to 12" shallow container, clippers and a needle holder (frog) to the first class.

HYPERTUFA POT WORKSHOP

**Wednesday, March 24
9:30 am – 12:30 pm / Education Greenhouse
Steve Gerischer, Instructor
\$20 / \$25 non-members**

Old stone sinks and animal trough planters are scarce and expensive today. Learn to make a hypertufa (a fun process, using a tufa rock-like medium, for creating instant garden antiquities) planting pot! All materials are provided. Wear comfortable clothes and be prepared to get dirty!

TWO NEEDLE BOOK WORKSHOP

**Saturday, April 3
1 – 4 pm / Lecture Hall B
Wendy Poma, Instructor
\$40 / \$48 non-members**

Create a unique journal book of hand stitching on the exposed spine, covered with your choice of high quality Japanese Washi papers. All materials are provided.

MRS. P'S PRESSED FLOWER WORKSHOP

**Saturday, April 17
10 am – Noon / Lecture Hall A
Lynn Pitts, Instructor
\$30 / \$36 non-members**

Learn the history of pressing flowers and classic herbarium techniques. Create 3 pressed flower projects (materials provided). Mrs. P conducts workshops at numerous California arboretums and botanic gardens.

GARDEN PHOTOGRAPHY

**Wednesday, April 21 from 7 – 9 pm
Sunday, April 25 from 8 – 11 am
Wednesday, April 28 from 7 – 9 pm**

Deidra Walpole, Instructor

Lecture Hall B

Capture the beauty of flowers and gardens on film. Session 1: Garden photography basics; Session 2: A spring morning taking garden photos; Session 3: A slide show review and discussion. Visit www.deidrawalpole.com to see spectacular photographs!

BOTANICAL WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

**8 Mondays: March 1 – April 19
9:30 – 11:30 am / Education Greenhouse
\$35 members / \$42 non-members per series**

This self-directed workshop offers an encouraging, supportive environment for those wishing to concentrate on their painting. Learn from fellow watercolor enthusiasts while painting fresh flowers.

BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATION I

**4 Wednesdays: Feb. 25 – March 17
9:30 am – 12:30 pm / Lecture Hall B (Feb. 25 – Conference Room)
Olga Eysymontt, Instructor
\$120 members / \$140 non-members**

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BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATION II – DRAWING PLANTS

**6 Wednesdays: March 24 – April 28
9:30 am – 12:30 pm / Lecture Hall B
Olga Eysymontt, Instructor
\$180 members / \$200 non-members**

OTIS COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN: BOTANICAL ART CLASSES WITH OLGA EYSYMONTT

**9:30 am – 4:30 pm: At The Arboretum / Conference Room
Illustrating Plants in Colored Pencil on Textured and Colored Paper: Saturdays, Jan. 31, Feb. 14, 28, March 13, 27, April 3
Botanical Illustration in Graphite: Drawing Plants: Sundays, Feb. 1, 15, 29, March 14, 28, April 4
Call Otis College: (310) 665-6850 or (800) 527-6847 for information/registration**

PLANT STUDIES IN GRAPHITE, COLOR PENCIL OR WATERCOLOR

**10:00 am – 5:00 pm / Conference Room
\$65/class for member
\$75/class for non-members**

The artist's choice of medium to illustrate three or more specimens per family. Include various viewpoints and dissections. Bring plant material to begin your sketch in class or come with a finished layout to work on for the creation of one final organized illustration.

**Feb. 2: Nuts or seeds and pods
March 20: Freesia
April 17: Melons**

BOTANICAL ART EXHIBIT & SALE

**Saturday, April 24 thru Sunday, May 2
Free with Arboretum admission
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Presented by the Botanical Artists Guild of Southern California**

COOKING IN THE GARDEN

FRESH: CELEBRATING THE TABLE

**Classes are held on the third Wednesday of the month
3:00 - 5:00 pm / Peacock Corner
\$35 members / \$40 non-members per class**

We are fortunate to have talented chefs from great local restaurants and other knowledgeable professionals share their talent with us in these 2-hour workshops filled with demonstrations, tastings, and great ideas for home use.

January 21: Delectable Dinner Party—Chef Damon Brady, Bistro 45

Chef Brady shares recipes from favorite dishes served at the restaurant. Learn a step by step process to serve an elegant dinner in your own home.

February 18: Chocolate Decadence—Loree McIntire, owner Bees Knees Bakery

Killer chocolate recipes that include flourless chocolate cake, chocolate mousse, ganache, and Bees Knees Famous Chocolate Chiffon Cake are featured. Caillebaut Belgium chocolate available for sale.

March 17: Tasting is Believing! Bistro K Chef/owner Laurent Quinoix & Leslie Burns, Valley Hunt Club Wine Steward

This terrific duo makes sense of how to coordinate both red and white wines with four special culinary creations.

April 21: Cinco de Mayo—Presented by Cozy Cactus

Create your own fiesta fare! Many of the dishes that have made this restaurant a destination for lovers of Mexican foods will be prepared.

May 19: Smitty's Grill

Greg Smith, one of the founders of the Parkway-Chop House-Crocodile Cafe dynasty, shares many of the restaurant's all-time delicious comfort foods.

June 16: Chef Claud Beltran, Halie's Restaurant

One of Pasadena's favorite chefs, Beltran will cook up a seasonal bounty featuring Farmers' Market vegetables, grains and a simple but elegant chicken creation.

June 23: Cooking with Kids

All-American July 4th festivities favorites. Children ages 6-9. \$15 members / \$20 non-members; siblings: \$10 members / \$15 non-members

July 21 - Cooking with Kids

Cooking skills and recipes that 6-9 year olds can master. \$15 members / \$20 non-members; siblings: \$10 members / \$15 non-members

Thank You

Listed below are donations made to The Arboretum between October 1, 2003 and December 31, 2003. We apologize if we have made any inadvertent omissions or errors and request that you call Nancy Pirovano at 626.821.3250 to make any corrections or verify our record of your gift. We truly appreciate your generosity.

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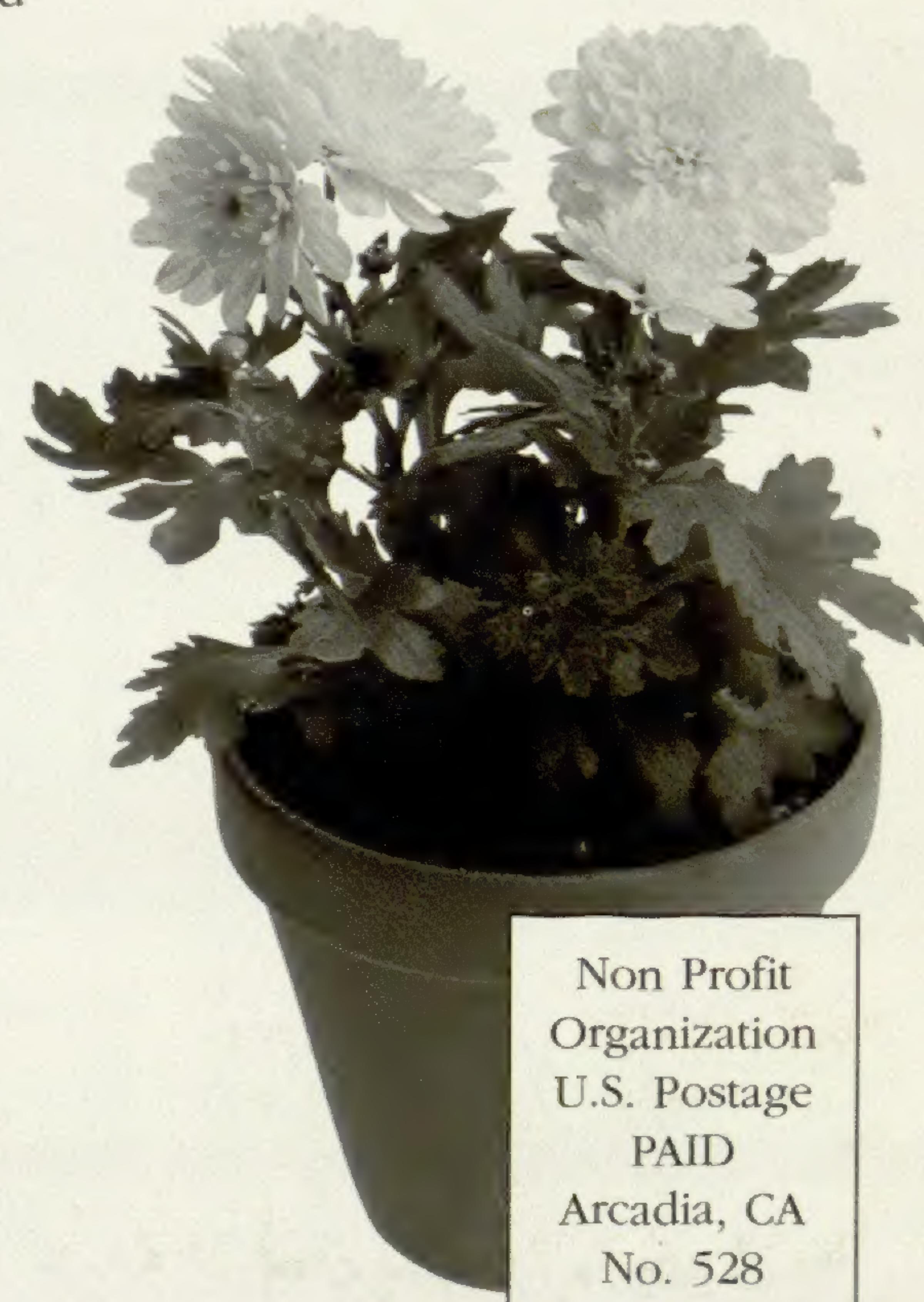
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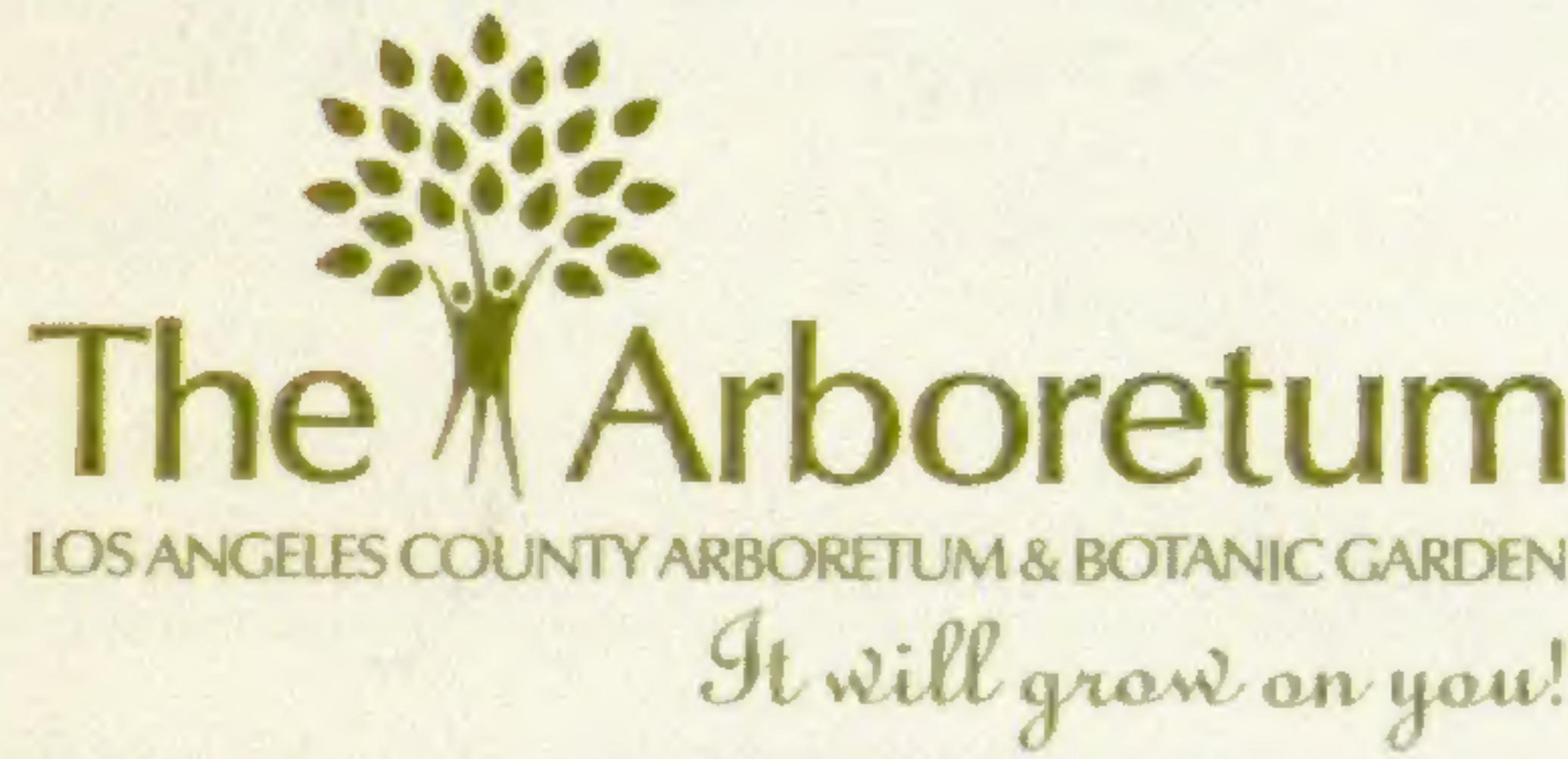
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